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service centers assisted under this part. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in the purchases.

(b) *Relocation assistance for displaced persons.* A displaced person must be provided relocation assistance at the levels described in, and in accordance with, the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA) (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655).

(c) *Certification.* The recipient must certify that it will comply with the URA, and must ensure such compliance notwithstanding any third party's contractual obligation to the recipient to comply with these provisions.

(d) *Cost of relocation assistance.* The cost of required relocation assistance is not an eligible project cost, in that such costs are operational costs. Such costs must be paid for with local public funds or funds available from other sources.

(e) *Definition of initiation of negotiations.* For purposes of determining the formula for computing the replacement housing assistance to be provided to a residential tenant displaced as a direct result of privately undertaken rehabilitation, demolition, or acquisition of the real property, the term "initiation of negotiations" means the execution of the agreement between the recipient and VA, or selection of the project site, if later.

§ 17.731 Site control.

(a) *Site control.* (1) Where grant funds will be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction to provide supportive housing or supportive services, or to establish service centers, except where an applicant will provide services at sites not operated by the applicant, an applicant must demonstrate site control (e.g., through a deed, capital lease, executed contract of sale) before VA will execute a grant agreement. A lease other than a capital lease does not demonstrate site control except for a VA lease as described in § 17.700(a) of this part.

(2) If such site control is not demonstrated within one year after initial notification of the award of assistance under this part, the grant will be

deobligated as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) *Site change.* (1) A recipient may obtain ownership or control of a suitable site different from the one specified in its application. Retention of an assistance award is subject to the new site's meeting all requirements for suitable sites under this part.

(2) If the acquisition, rehabilitation, acquisition and rehabilitation, or new construction costs of the substitute site are greater than the amount of the grant awarded for the site specified in the application, the recipient must provide for all additional costs. If the recipient is unable to demonstrate to VA that it is able to provide for the difference in costs, VA may deobligate the award of assistance.

(c) *Failure to obtain site control within one year.* VA will deobligate any award for assistance under this part or pursue other remedies described in § 17.729(c) of this part if the recipient is not in control of a suitable site before the expiration of one year after initial notification of an award.

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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

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§ 17.800 Purpose.

The purpose of the Transitional Housing Loan Program regulations is to establish application provisions and selection criteria for loans to non-profit organizations for use in initial start-up costs for transitional housing for veterans who are in (or have recently been in) a program for the treatment of substance abuse. This program is intended to increase the amount of transitional housing available for such veterans who need a period of supportive housing to encourage sobriety maintenance and reestablishment of social and community relationships.

§ 17.801 Definitions.

(a) *Applicant:* A non-profit organization making application for a loan under this program.

(b) *Non-profit organization:* A secular or religious organization, no part of